Survey Regarding Benefits to SC Families

2440. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to conduct a survey to find out as to how many Scheduled Caste families have actually benefited by the special central assistance to special component plan for Scheduled Castes and thereby crossed the poverty line; and

(b) if so, the action plan to monitor and review the assistance given to SCs to ensure that their living standards are improved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Special Component Plan (SCP) is formulated and implemented by the States, Union Territories and Central Ministries with a view to channelise the flow of outlays and benefits under various sectors in their plans in proportion to the population of Scheduled *Castes* both in physical and financial terms. Special Central Assistance is provided to the States/UTs by the Central Government as an additive to Special Component Plan. The Special Central Assistance is utilized for assisting SC families living below poverty line and development of required infrastructure. The number of SC families assisted under the Special Component Plan is monitored through periodic progress reports, review in the Ministry and field visit of officers to States/UTs.

Inclusion of 'Navashudra' of Nainital District in SC Category

† 2441. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under consideration of Government include the people of 'Navashudra' community in Scheduled Caste category who settled in the district of Nainital (Udham* Singh Nagar)

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi,

in Uttar Pradesh after their displacement in large number from East Bengal in 1947; and

(b) if so, by when the matter would be finalized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, *Sir*.

(b) The proposal is being piucessed as per approved modalities. It is not possible to indicate the time, as it requires consultation with a number of agencies.

Cruelty towards Animals

2442. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is all round concern in *the* world over the cruelty towards animals in India;

(b) the number of cases registered for cruelty towards animal's during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) in how many cases offenders have undergone jail terms for inflicting cruelty on animals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Migration of Dalits due to Atrocities

2443. SHRI RAJU PARMAR: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to atrocities perpetrated on SCs and STs, massive trans-migration of dalits from their villages to safer places took place in Gujarat, Bihar and other *States* in recent months;